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Report of the working of the
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G. O. No. D. 2096—Mus. 1-34-2, dated 20th—21st September 1934.

Administration Report of the Government Museum.

Records, with certain observations, the — for the year 1933-34.

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Letter No. 16, dated the 20th August 1934, from the Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore, Government Museum, forwarding the annual report on the working of the Government Museum, Bangalore, for the year 1933-34.

ORDER No. D. 2096—MUS. 1-34-2, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 20TH—21ST SEPTEMBER 1934.

Recorded.

During the year the administration of the Museum was transferred from the Superintendent, Government Museum, to the Director of Industries and Commerce.

M. VENKATANARANAPPA,
*Secretary to Government,
Development Department.*

To—The Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore (Government Museum).

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FROM

S. G. SASTRY, Esq., B.A., M.Sc., F.C.S.,
Offg. Director of Industries and Commerce,
Mysore Government Museum,
Bangalore.

TO

M. VENKATANARANAPPA, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness the
Maharaja of Mysore, Development Department,
Bangalore.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith the report on the working of the Government Museum for the year 1933-34.

2. *Personnel.*—Government having, in their Order No. E. 1513-16—G. G. 17-33-1, dated 31st October 1933, transferred the administration of the Government Museum to the Director of Industries and Commerce, Mr. A. V. Ramanathan, Director of Industries and Commerce, took charge of the Museum on the 9th December 1933, from Mr. H. C. Javaraya, Superintendent, Government Gardens, who continued as Superintendent, Government Museum, until that date.

3. *Visitors.*—The number of visitors to the Museum during the year under report, was 265,646 of whom 150,927 were males, 113,976 were females and 743 were school-children.

Thirteen thousand, seven hundred and twenty-six or five per cent of the total number of visitors wrote their names in the Visitors' sheets.

As usual, there were large crowds on 'Karaga' and on some of the local feasts and festivals. (Classified details are furnished in Appendix A.)

4. *Collections.*—The collections were kept in good condition and 121 exhibits were added during the year. (Detailed list is furnished in Appendix B.)

During the year under report, a Circular Memorandum was issued by Government pointing out to the Deputy Commissioners and Heads of Departments that with their co-operation it should be easy to collect specimens and to augment the exhibits in the Museum at a relatively low cost.

5. *Library.*—The accessions to the Library during the year were 25 Departmental and other Museum Reports and Parts of Vols. 34 & 35 of the Records of the Indian Museum.

The Museum Journal and the Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society were continued to be subscribed. (Details are furnished in Appendix C.)

Fittings, Furniture, etc.—The showcases and other pieces of furniture were kept in good condition. Two teakwood glass showcases and 17 teakwood picture frames were added to the stock during the year.

7. *Building.*—During the year, portions of the interior of the building were whitewashed and the doors and windows were painted. A galvanised pipe ladder was fixed on the northern room to give access to the roof of the building.

8. *Stock Books.*—The General Stock Register, Register of Exhibits and Furniture and other Books of the Institution were written up-to-date.

9. *Maintenance.*—The Government Grant for the maintenance of the Museum for 1933-34 was Rs. 4,930 and the expenditure amounted to Rs. 4,549-15-0, (Details are furnished in Appendix D.)

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
S. G. SASTRY,
Offg. Director.

APPENDIX A—Classified list of visitors during the year 1933-34.

Nos.	Months	Names written in							
		English		Kannada	Tamil	Telugu	Hindu- stani	Maha- rati	Gujarati
		Europeans and Eurasians	Indians						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	July 1933...	117	878	67	37	...	19	14	...
2	August „...	133	745	55	31	18	11	4	...
3	September „...	155	1,012	62	39	46	17	11	...
4	October „...	137	1,052	86	70	32	16	4	...
5	November „...	145	864	59	28	25	20	6	...
6	December „...	243	980	84	26	21	19	7	...
7	January 1934...	178	754	37	12	25	15	7	...
8	February „...	110	510	30	21	16	14	5	...
9	March „...	108	513	46	11	7	17	5	...
10	April „...	157	838	88	40	8	27	10	...
11	May „...	229	1,081	64	24	3	23	5	...
12	June „...	197	978	41	45	6	12	8	...
Total ...		1,909	10,205	719	382	207	210	86	...

Nos.	Months	Nagari	Mala- yalam	Literates		Illiterates		School children	Total
				Males	Fe- males	Males	Females		
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	July 1933 ..	...	...	1,099	33	9,150	7,994	50	18,326
2	August „ ..	2	...	991	9	7,215	6,416	35	14,670
3	September „ ..	...	...	1,309	33	9,193	8,122	50	18,707
4	October „ ..	2	...	1,374	25	10,693	8,790	64	20,946
5	November „ ..	...	...	1,123	24	8,839	7,585	220	17,794
6	December „ ..	3	...	1,373	8	9,565	8,429	111	19,486
7	January 1934 ..	...	...	1,001	27	6,894	6,079	...	14,001
8	February „ ..	...	...	694	12	7,829	6,688	210	15,433
9	March „ ..	...	...	698	9	34,564	26,625	...	61,896
10	April „ ..	...	...	1,156	12	15,438	11,211	...	27,817
11	May „ ..	...	...	1,417	12	9,092	7,907	...	18,428
12	June „ ..	...	...	1,276	11	8,940	7,915	...	18,142
Total ...		8	...	13,511	215	1,37,416	1,13,761	743	2,65,646

APPENDIX B—Specimens added to the collection during the year 1933-34.

Nos.	Particulars	Donor
1	Spotted Deer	...
2—21	Old Stone Images	...
22—37	Samples of Porcelain articles	...
38—73	Samples of articles manufactured in the Government Soap Factory, Bangalore.	Superintendent, Lal-Bagh, Mrs. S. D. S. Iyengar.
74—100	Samples of eggs of silk worms, worms, moths, cocoons, mulberry leaves and cuttings.	Superintendent, Government Porcelain Factory. Superintendent.
BY PURCHASE.		
101—108	Health Models :—	
	1. House Fly and different stages of its life cycle	
	2. Plague Flea	
	3. The Rat	
	4—5. Enlarged head and mouth parts of Anopheles and Culex (Mosquitoes).	
	6. Model of Hook-worm showing the method of infection.	
	7—8. Sanitary and Insanitary well	
109—120	Etchings	
121	Fox	

APPENDIX C.—List of Books added to the Library during the year 1933-34.

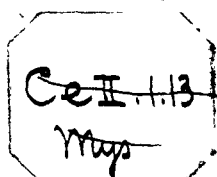
Sl. No.	Particulars	Donor
1	Twenty-third Report of the Sarawak Museum for 1932 ...	Curator.
2	Annual Report of the Watson Museum of Antiquities, Rajkot, for 1932-33 ...	Do
3	Annual Report of the Madras Museum and Connemara Public Library for 1932-33.	Superintendent.
4	Report on the Administration of the Pudukkottai State Museum, for Fasli 1342.	Curator.
5	Catalogue of Art Des Incas and a Bulletin of Paris Museum ...	Superintendent of Stationery, Bombay.
6	Annual Report of the Victoria and Albert Museum, Bombay, for 1932-33 ...	Curator.
7	Do Prince of Wales Museum of Western India, Bombay for 1932-33.	Chairman.
8	Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the National Museum of Wales for 1932-33.	Directors.
9	Nagpur Museum Bulletin No. 2. (Rock paintings of Hoshangabad) ...	Curator.
10	Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Audit and Appropriation Accounts of 1931-32.	Government of Mysore.
11	Report on the working of the Stores Purchase Committee for 1932-33 ...	Do
12	Report on the Administration of Mysore for 1932-33 ...	Do
13	Annual Report of the Civil Veterinary Department for 1932-33 ...	Do
14	Do Mysore State Department of Health for 1932-33 ...	Do
15	Annual Administration Report of the Department of Industries and Commerce for the year ending June 1933.	Do
16	Annual Report of the Government Stationery Depot for 1932-33 ...	Do
17	Do do Press for 1932-33 ...	Do
18	Annual Report on the Resource Operation in Mysore for 1932-33 ...	Do
19-20	Proceedings of the Mysore Legislative Council, December Session 1932 and 1933.	Do
21-22	Proceedings of the Mysore Representative Assembly, Dasara Session, 1932 and 1933.	Do
23	Do do Budget Session June 1933 ...	Do
24	Proceedings of the Mysore Legislative Council, Budget Session, June 1933 with index to Vols. XI, XII, XIII.	Do
25	Mysore Service Regulation (6th Edition) ...	Do
26	Records of the Indian Museum— Vol. 34, Pts. iii and iv with index ... „ 35 „ i and ii. ...	Director, Indian Museum, Calcutta.
BY PURCHASE.		
27	Bombay Natural History Society's Journal Vol. 36, Nos. iii, and iv. ... „ 37, „ i. ...	...
28	Museums Journal— Vol. 33 Nos. vi.—xii. ... „ 34 „ i.—v. ...	...

APPENDIX D.—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the year 1933-34.

Sl. No.	Head	Budget allotment	Expenditure
		Rs a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	Establishment ...	3,570 0 0	3,570 0 0
2	Purchase of specimens and other special charges ...	1,000 0 0	668 4 0
3	Contingencies ...	300 0 0	298 13 0
4	Travelling Allowance ...	60 0 0	12 14 0
	Total ...	4,930 0 0	4,549 15 0

REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE GOVERNMENT MUSEUM
FOR THE YEAR 1934-35

WITH THE GOVERNMENT REVIEW THEREON.



Government of his highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. D. 2031—Mus. 2-35-2, dated 23rd September 1935.

Government Museum.

Reviews the working of the ——— for the year 1934-35.

READ—

Letter No. 17, dated 17th August 1935, from the Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore, forwarding the annual report (printed as an annexure) on the working of the Government Museum, Bangalore, for the year 1934-35.

ORDER No. D. 2031—MUS. 2-35-2, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 23RD SEPTEMBER 1935.

Recorded.

M. VENKATANARANAPPA,
*Secretary to Government,
Development Department.*

To—The Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore.
Exd—C. K.

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FROM

S. ABDUL WAJID, Esq., B.A.,
*Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore,
Mysore Government Museum,
Bangalore.*

TO

K. V. ANANTARAMAN, Esq., B.A.,
*Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.*

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith the report on the working of the Government Museum for the year 1934-35.

2. *Visitors*.—During the year under report the Museum was visited by 2,70,725 persons as against 2,65,646 in the previous year. Of this number 1,54,021 were males, 1,14,513 females and 2,191 School Children.

Twelve thousand six hundred and eighty-three or about 4 per cent of the total number wrote their names in the Visitors' Sheets. As usual there were large crowds during 'Karaga' and on some of the local feasts and festivals. (Classified list furnished in Appendix A.)

3. *Building*.—The Building was maintained in good condition and its annual repairs and maintenance were carried out by the Public Works Department. The Building is not provided with any lights and the need for them is felt specially on cloudy and rainy days.

4. *Collection*.—Four hundred and thirteen exhibits were added during the year, the majority of them being Entomological specimens received from the Agricultural Department. (Details are furnished in Appendix B.)

An attempt has been made to give an idea of the natural surroundings of the individual exhibits by means of pictures and photos put above the exhibits.

5. *Library*.—The additions during the year were 18 Departmental and other Museum Reports. The Museums Journal and the Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society were continued to be subscribed for. (List furnished in Appendix C.)

6. *Fittings Furniture, etc.*—Two showcases were provided with teakwood vertical frames for putting in pictures, and three cases were provided with sliding plywood shutters to prevent direct sun-light falling on Butterflies and other insect specimens in them. The numbers on some of the pieces of furniture and showcases were repainted and the names in English and Kannada of the wood were painted on the specimens.

7. *Stock Books*.—The General Stock Register, Register of Exhibits and furniture and other books of the Institution were written up-to-date.

8. *Maintenance*.—The Government grant for the maintenance of the Museum for the year 1934-35 was Rs. 4,430 and the expenditure amounted to Rs. 3,848-3-0. (Details are furnished in Appendix D.)

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
S. ABDUL WAJID,
Director.

APPENDIX A.

Classified list of visitors during the year 1934-35.

No.	Months	Names written in														School children	Total	
		English		Other Languages								Literates		Illiterates				
		Europeans and Eurasians	Indians	Kannada	Tamil	Telugu	Hindu- stani	Maha- rati	Gujarati	Nagari	Mala- yalam	Males	Fe- males	Males	Females			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
1	July 1934...	99	835	51	43	6	26	7	...	2	...	...	1,057	12	8,632	7,159	3	16,863
2	August "	144	739	57	25	3	13	3	...	2	...	...	978	8	9,453	7,844	68	18,351
3	September "	165	807	90	54	10	24	5	...	3	...	...	1,140	18	9,524	8,096	108	18,886
4	October "	112	920	95	50	15	33	6	...	3	...	...	1,223	11	13,798	11,120	109	26,261
5	November "	69	699	82	16	3	15	6	...	2	...	...	884	8	9,509	7,862	105	18,368
6	December "	109	869	60	16	18	18	8	...	...	...	...	1,098	...	6,028	5,202	145	12,473
7	January 1935...	153	822	63	33	24	29	6	...	...	...	...	1,117	13	8,202	6,780	30	16,142
8	February "	89	510	57	25	1	13	3	...	...	...	...	688	10	7,149	5,877	494	14,218
9	March "	87	555	56	18	1	42	...	...	1	...	...	741	19	8,927	7,452	607	17,746
10	April "	63	737	71	28	...	18	4	...	...	...	...	914	7	38,816	18,921	232	68,890
11	May "	183	939	54	37	1	25	3	...	2	...	...	1,212	32	10,228	8,557	60	20,089
12	June "	148	1,177	59	64	3	29	9	...	4	...	...	1,468	25	11,235	9,480	230	22,438
Grand Total ...		1,421	9,609	795	409	85	285	60	...	19	12,520	163	1,41,501	1,14,350	2,191	2,70,725

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APPENDIX B.

List of Specimens added during the year 1934-35.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Donor
1—23	Articles of trophies :— 3 Rifles ; 7 Swords ; 1 long dagger ; 2 small daggers ; 2 Pistols ; 7 Shields and 1 Musical instrument.	(Mrs. S. D.) J. Turner.
24	Ivory handled dagger	District Superintendent of Police, Mysore.
25—39	Samples of Silk Fabrics in different colours ...	Sericultural Department, Mysore.
40—60	Samples from Sugar Co :— 1. Flow Chart of the Mysore Sugar Co., Ltd. 15. Samples of Cane contents in bottles. 5. Samples of bi-products of Sugar in bottles.	Secretary, Sugar Co., Mandya.
61	Broken Stone Image of Buddha	Mr. N. N. Natesan Pillai.
62	Barking Deer	Lal-Bagh.
63	Silver Coin (Struck by Arab invaders of India, 8th Century A. D.)	Superintendent, Archæological Dept., Jodpur.
64—393	Collection of Butterflies, Moths, Beetles, etc. ...	Agricultural Department, Mysore.
394—406	Do snakes, etc. ...	Do do
407—412	Samples of Plantation Products :— Coffee, Tea, Cardamom and pepper ...	Sub-Division Officer, Saklespur.
	BY PURCHASE.	
413	Monstrous Cow Calf.	

APPENDIX C.

List of Books added to the Library during the year 1934-35.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Donor
1	Annual Report of the Watson Museum of Antiquities, Rajkot, for 1933-34 ...	Curator.
2	Annual Report of the Archæological Department and Sumair Public Library, Jodpur for 1933-34.	Superintendent.
3	Annual Report of the Government Museum and Connemara Public Library, Madras for 1933-34.	Do
4	Annual Report of the Prince of Wales Museum of Western India, Bombay for 1933-34.	Chairman.
5	Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff for 1933-34.	Director.
6	Administration Report of the Museum and Public Gardens, Trivendrum for M. E. 1109.	Superintendent.
7	The Mysore Season and Crop Report for 1932-33 ...	Government of Mysore.
8	Report of the working of the Hospitals and Dispensaries in State for the year 1933.	Do
9	Report on the Administration of Mysore for 1933-34 ...	Do
10	Report of the Mysore Military Department for 1933-34 ...	Do
11	Report of the Stores Purchase Committee during the year 1933-34 ...	Do
12	Annual Report of the Government Stud Farm, Kunigal for 1933-34 ...	Do
13	Annual Report of the Live Stock Section for 1934 ...	Do
14	Annual Report of the Civil Veterinary Department for 1933-34 ...	Do
15	Administration Report of the Department of Industries and Commerce in Mysore for the year ending 30th June 1934.	Do
16	Proceedings of the Mysore Representative Assembly, June Session, 1934 ...	Do
17	Proceedings of the Mysore Legislative Council, Budget Session June 1934 ...	Do
18	Proceedings of the Mysore Legislative Council, December Session, 1934 ...	Do
BY PURCHASE.		
19	Museums Journal, Vol. 34, Nos. 4-12 and Vol. 35, Nos. 1-3 ...	
20	Bombay Natural History Society Journal, Vol. 37, Nos. 2-4 ...	

APPENDIX D.

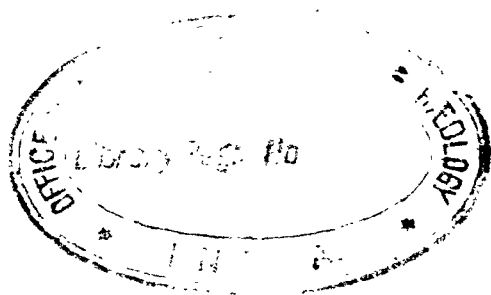
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the year 1934-35.

Sl. No.	Head	Budget allotment			Expenditure		
		Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
1	Establishment ...	3,570	0	0	3,570	0	0
2	Purchase of specimens and other special charges ...	600	0	0	116	1	0
3	Contingencies ...	200	0	0	151	0	0
4	Travelling Allowance ...	60	0	0	11	2	0
	Total ...	4,430	0	0	3,848	3	0

REPORT OF THE MYSORE GOVERNMENT MUSEUM .

FOR THE YEAR 1936-37

WITH THE GOVERNMENT REVIEW THEREON.



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Government of his highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. D. 2170—Mus. 3-37-3, dated 4—6th September 1937.

Report on the working of the Government Museum.

Records the ——— Bangalore, for the year ending 30th June 1937.

READ—

Letter No. 39, dated the 17th August 1937, from the Director of Industries and Commerce, forwarding a report on the working of the Government Museum, Bangalore, for the year ending 30th June 1937.

ORDER NO. D. 2170—MUS. 3-37-3, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 4—6TH SEPTEMBER 1937.

Recorded.

M. VENKATANARANAPPA,
*Secretary to Government,
Development Department.*

To—The Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore.
Exd.—C. K.

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From

M. S. RAMCHENDRA RAO, Esq., B.A.,
Director of Industries,
Mysore Government Museum,
Bangalore.

To

M. VENKATANARANAPPA, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Department,
Bangalore.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith the report on the working of the Government Museum for the year 1936-37.

Visitors.—During the year under report the Museum was visited by 2,99,656 persons as against 2,66,963 in the previous year. Of the total number of visitors 1,73,723 were males, 1,23,440 females and 2,493 school children. With a view to have an idea of the number of school children making use of the institution, a separate register was opened for census of visitors from educational institutions. The number of such visitors was 2,493.

Sixteen thousand, six hundred and ninety-seven or five per cent of the total number of visitors wrote their names in the visitors' book.

As usual there were large crowds during "Karaga" and on some of the local festival days. Details are furnished in Appendix A.

Building.—The building remained in good condition throughout the year under report. A burglary occurred on the night of 25th December 1936 when some unknown persons scaled into the Museum through a window, broke open a showcase in the Central Hall and removed imitation jewellery worth about Rs. 40. The Public Works Department have since got the windows properly secured.

Galleries.—The collection of specimens on the whole are in good condition, except in the Zoological Section where many of the specimens are old and in need of renewal.

Fourteen new specimens under the following heads were added during the year :—

Zoology.—A collection of shells, a monstrous chicken and a partridge, all acquired by presentation.

A parrot, a pitta and a skeleton of a pigeon were purchased for display in the Bird gallery.

A tree snake and a tortoise mounted on teakwood stand were added to the reptile collection.

Numismatics.—Three silver coins* were presented to the Museum by the Director of Industries and Commerce, Central Provinces. Two copper coins, one of the Bahmani King Mahomed Shah and the other belonging to the Mahomedan period in Mysore were acquired through the Government of Mysore. A copper coin of Krishnaraja Wadiyar III presented by the watchman, Cubbon Park, was also added to the collection. Details are in Appendix B.

	Metal.		King.		Mint.	Year.
1.	Silver	...	Md. Akbar II	...	Farkhandahuoyad Haidarabad.	33—125.
2.	Do	...	Do	...	Do	25 —1244.
3.	Do	...	Bahadur Shah	...	Do	18—1274.

Restoration and Preservation.—As most of the mammal heads are old and deteriorating, it was thought desirable to repair and renovate them. As a trial, a pair of heads (of a gazelle and a jungle sheep) were repaired.

In the Archæological Section, all the historical pictures of views in and around Bangalore were cleaned, re-backed and made insect-proof. As usual, the cleaning and arranging of exhibits in the show-cases wherever necessary were attended to.

Library.—The additions consisted mainly of Departmental publications and reports of other Museums and bulletins (Appendix C.).

Maintenance.—The Government grant for the up-keep of the institution was Rs. 4,050 and the expenditure amounted to Rs. 4,220-10-3. The statement of receipts and expenditure is furnished in Appendix D.

Stock Books.—The General Stock Register, Register of Exhibits and Furniture and other books of the institution were written up-to-date.

Educational Work.—Arrangements are being made with the co-operation of the Educational authorities to organise popular lectures with reference to exhibits, for the benefit of students from the Primary Schools in Bangalore City.

Report of the Museums Association Commission.—The Official Report of S. F. Markham, Esq., M.A., B.Litt., M.P., Empire Secretary, Museums Association and Mr. H. Hargreaves, Retired Director-General of Archæology in India, who had been deputed to make a survey of the Museums in India, has been published. They observe that the local Museum calls for re-organisation urgently and have made some interesting remarks about certain important features of the institution. They have observed that the Geological collection has been carefully labelled and have commended the display of wooden relief models of the Fort of Seringapatam as it stood in 1800 and the Hulikere Tunnel Area. The analysis of visitors published as an appendix to the annual report of the Museum is pronounced to be instructive. The reference library attached to the institution has also come in for an approbative comment.

Staff.—The Probationer, Mr. K. Narayana Iyengar, M.A., was deputed to the Government Museum at Madras for a period of three months to acquaint himself with the methods of Museum work. On his return, he was appointed Curator in succession to Mr. K. Anantasamy Rao who retired from service with effect from 1st December 1936.

Re-organisation.—Government have since passed orders on the report of the

1. The Director of Industries and Commerce (Chairman).
2. The Director of Agriculture in Mysore.
3. The Director of Geology in Mysore.
4. The Director of Archæological Researches in Mysore.
5. The Director of Health in Mysore.
6. The Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore.
7. The Professor of Zoology, Central College.
8. The Professor of Botany, Central College.

Committee appointed to suggest measures for the re-organisation of the Museum. They have decided that the Historical and Art collections should be maintained in the Bangalore Museum along with the Industrial and Scientific Section. The question of providing additional accommo-

dation is also under consideration. An Advisory Committee with the marginally noted personnel has been constituted to advise the Director of Industries and Commerce in matters pertaining to equipment, selection and purchase of specimens and their proper display in the Museum.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. S. RAMCHENDRA RAO,
Director.

APPENDIX A.

Classified list of visitors during the year 1936-37.

No.	Months	Names written in												Literates		Illiterates		School children	Total
		English		Other Languages															
		Europeans and Eurasians	Indians	Kannada	Tamil	Telugu	Hindu- stani	Maharati	Gujarati	Nagari	Malayalam	Males	Females						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
1	July 1936...	132	815	69	30	2	14	1	...	9	...	...	1,055	17	9,063	7,943	179	18,257
2	August " "	94	900	105	38	3	19	...	...	7	...	...	1,142	24	9,683	7,332	136	18,317
3	September " "	131	789	94	52	1	32	9	...	2	...	...	1,097	13	8,940	6,227	317	16,594
4	October " "	133	1,196	126	56	...	21	3	...	8	...	...	1,503	40	26,261	22,053	180	50,037
5	November " "	108	754	92	26	...	13	...	...	5	...	...	964	34	9,837	8,050	56	18,941
6	December " "	161	1,224	126	31	...	36	...	...	15	...	...	1,536	57	9,353	7,978	205	19,129
7	January 1937...	159	904	85	27	...	20	...	...	12	...	...	1,181	26	8,120	6,862	315	16,504
8	February " "	88	656	82	40	3	22	...	...	11	...	...	890	12	7,323	5,979	653	14,857
9	March " "	85	585	91	24	...	29	...	...	8	...	...	812	10	6,995	5,999	249	14,065
10	April " "	123	960	93	29	...	16	...	...	5	...	...	1,210	16	46,336	31,391	155	79,108
11	May " "	197	1,126	57	37	...	21	...	...	17	...	...	1,414	41	9,168	7,263	32	17,918
12	June " "	139	1,278	101	39	...	37	...	...	9	...	...	1,586	17	8,254	6,056	16	15,929
Grand Total ...		1,550	11,187	1,121	429	9	280	13	...	108	...	...	14,390	307	1,59,333	1,23,133	2,493	2,99,656

APPENDIX B.

List of Specimens added to the collection during the year 1936-37.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Donor
1	A collection of Shells and a pine tree Cone ...	Mrs. F. Whitman.
2	One Tree snake ...	Mr. G. H. Krumbiegel.
3	One Monstrous chicken ...	„ Subramanyam.
4	One Partridge ...	„ Jumma Ahmed.
5—7	Three Silver Coins ...	The Director of Industries and Commerce, Central Provinces.
8	One Copper Coin ...	Watchman, Cubbon Park.
9—10	Two Copper Coins ...	Government of Mysore.
BY PURCHASE.		
11	Parrot	
12	Pitta	
13	One tortoise mounted on teakwood stand	
14	One skeleton of a pigeon	

APPENDIX C.

Books added to the Library during the year 1936-37.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Donor
1	Annual Report of the Victoria and Albert Museum, Bombay, for 1935-36 ...	Curator.
2	Administration Report of the Government Museum and Connemara Public Library, Madras, for 1935-36.	Superintendent.
3	Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff, for 1935-36.	Director.
4	Administration Report of the Museum and Public Gardens, Trivandrum, for M. E. 1111.	Superintendent.
5	Catalogue of Sri Chitralayam, Trivandrum ...	Superintendent.
6	A Concise Guide to the Museum of Trivandrum ...	Superintendent.
7	Report on the Administration of the State Museum, Pudukkottai, for Fasli 1345.	Curator.
8	Report on the Prince of Wales Museum of Western India, Bombay, for 1935-36.	Chairman.
9	Annual Report of the Watson Museum of Antiquities, Rajkot, for 1935-36 ..	Curator.
10	The Museums of India ...	Museums Association, London.
11	Imperial Gazetteer of India, Vol. 26 (Atlas) ...	
12—15	Rajputana District Gazetteer, Vol. II A. & B.; Vol. III A. & B. ...	
16	Gazetteer of Suket State, 1927 ...	
17—21	Education in India, 1913-14; 1914-15; 1923-24; 1927-28; 1928-29 ...	
22	Report of the Conference on the Education of the Domiciled community in India, 1912.	
23—28	Bureau of Education: Occasional Reports Nos. 4, 5, 9, 12, 14 & 16 ...	
29—42	Do Pamphlets Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 15, 18, 26, 27, 29, 31 & 32.	
43	Calcutta University Commission 1917-19, Report of the University of Dacca.	Government of India
44—51	Linguistic Survey of India:—Vol. I, Parts 1 & 2 with Suppl. to Part II, Vol. VIII, Parts 1 & 2, Vol. IX Part 4., Vol. X and Vol. XI.	
52	Report of Quinquennial Review:—Committee of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, 1931.	
53	Linguistic Survey and Census of India, 1911 ...	
54—62	Report of the Indian Students Department, London, 1921-22 to 1923-24 1925-26, 1928-29 to 1932-33.	
63	Essentials of a University in Great Centres of Population, 1917 ...	
64	Mysore Meteorological Memoirs No. ...	
65	Proceedings of the Mysore Legislative Council, June and July Session, 1936.	
66	Half-yearly Civil List, Parts I & II ...	
67—69	Mysore Tribes and Castes, Vols. I, III, IV and Index ...	
70	A Guide Book of a German Museum at Munich ...	Govt. of Mysore.
71—77	Annual Reports of the Mysore Archaeological Department for 1929—1934 with a Suppl. to 1929.	The Director of Archaeological Researches in Mysore.
BY PURCHASE.		
78	Museums Journal, Vol. 36, Nos. 4-12 and Vol. 37, Nos. 1-3 ...	
79	Bombay Natural History Society's Journal, Vol. 38, No. 4, Vol. 39, Nos. 1-2.	

APPENDIX D.

Statement showing the Receipts and Expenditure during
the year 1936-37.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Budget grant			Expenditure		
		Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
1	Establishment	3,600	0	0	3,770	13	0
2	Purchase of specimens and other special charges ..	200	0	0	*216	10	0
3	Travelling Allowance	50	0	0	33	4	0
4	Contingencies	200	0	0	199	15	3
	Total ...	4,050	0	0	4,220	10	3

*The excess was met by re-appropriation from item No. 3

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FOR THE YEAR 1937-38

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OF MYSORE.**

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

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Administration Report of the Government Museum.

Reviews the — for 1937-38.

READ—

The Report on the working of the Government Museum, Bangalore, for the year ended 30th June 1938, received from the Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore, with his letter No. 70, dated the 5th September 1938.

**ORDER No. D. 3379-80—MUS. 6-38-4, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 14TH OCTOBER 1938.**

Recorded.

J. APPAJI GOWDA,
*Secretary to Government,
Development Department.*

To—The Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore.
The Compiler, *Mysore Gazette*.

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MYSORE GOVERNMENT MUSEUM,
Bangalore, dated 5th September 1938.

FROM

M. S. RAMCHENDRA RAO, Esq., B.A.,
*Director of Industries and Commerce,
Mysore Government Museum,
Bangalore.*

TO

M. VENKATANARANAPPA, Esq., B.A.,
*Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Development Department,
Bangalore.*

SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith the report on the working of the Mysore Government Museum for the year 1937-38.

Museum Advisory Committee.—During the year, the Government passed orders on the report of the Committee appointed to suggest measures for the improvement of the Museum. A Committee was constituted by Government to advise the Director of Industries and Commerce in matters relating to equipment, selection and purchase of specimens and their proper display in the Museum. The Committee met four times during the year and in pursuance of their recommendations action has been taken to carry out a thorough scrutiny of the specimens and other materials exhibited in the Museum resulting in the elimination of unnecessary specimens, renewals wherever necessary and rearrangement and labelling of the specimens. In view of the limited space available it was considered necessary to confine the scope of the Museum primarily, to local specimens, exceptions being made in the case of specimens useful from the point of view of comparative study.

Galleries.—The condition of specimens is generally satisfactory except in the Zoological gallery where many specimens have shown signs of deterioration. The question of improving this has been taken up. With the kind co-operation of the various scientific departments of Government and the University, the work of elimination of un-necessary specimens as also the renewal and re-arrangement of exhibits in the various sections has been started. A detailed statement of new specimens acquired during the year is furnished in Appendix A.

Zoology.—A new line of work undertaken during the year was the collection of fresh water fishes and other specimens of interest of the 'Malnad' parts in the State. The specimens acquired are being identified and will thereafter be mounted and suitably displayed.

A trap-door-spider, a pair of wild boar tusks and three shells were added to the collection.

Botany.—With a view to affording opportunities for the students of Primary and Secondary classes in the Bangalore City and the lay visitors to acquire some knowledge of systematic Botany, it has been decided to exhibit specimens illustrating the evolution of plant life. Necessary equipment for the purpose was purchased during the year.

Archæology.—The photographic views of Mysore Architecture and Sculpture that had become foxy and worn-out have been replaced by a fresh set of thirty-two views properly mounted and framed. An interesting chart of the Kannada Alphabet showing the different stages of its evolution, from the ancient 'Bramhi' to

the modern Kannada script was acquired. A map of 'Karnataka' the area inhabited by the Kannada speaking people, an evolution tree of Indian languages and an enlarged photographic copy of the Asokan inscription at Brahmagiri (Molakalmuru Taluk, Mysore State), were also got prepared.

A representative collection of electrotpe casts of 'Mysore Coins' is ready for display.

Agriculture.—Receptacles necessary for the preservation of specimens relating to the Botanical, Chemical and Mycological sections as also the Serum Institute have been purchased. The re-arrangement of the entomological section on educative lines has been completed, the collection consisting of local plant and fruit pests and other insects. Samples of varieties of Mysore Coffee, Arecanut, Cardamom and Pepper have been received. A cabinet containing samples of wool from the various parts of the State has also been acquired. It is proposed to display miniature models of tobacco curing barns, specimens of graded and re-dried tobacco leaves, and cigarettes made out of Mysore tobacco. A crop map of Mysore is under preparation.

Geology.—The future scope of the section has been defined. The elimination of the entire fossil collection which is foreign and of other specimens of minerals and rocks of non-Mysorean origin was decided upon. Polished cubes and paper weights of local varieties of ornamental and building stones have been prepared. Specimens of cut and polished gem stones of local origin are ready. A Flow Chart showing the details of operations of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati, was got made and suitably framed and exhibited. Half a dozen photographic views of the different sections of the works have been got enlarged, to be displayed along with the flow chart. Three geological maps of Mysore, one of Southern India and a diagram of a geologic clock were also mounted and framed.

Health Section.—A set of nineteen posters on health subjects published by the Department of Public Health, Mysore, have been suitably got up for exhibition. Descriptive bilingual labels in English and Kannada for the other specimens in the section were prepared. The preparation of two wooden models of sanitary houses, one of the 'malnad' and the other of the 'maidan' types is complete.

Forest.—The renewal and re-arrangement of specimens of medicinal products of the Museum which formed the programme of work for the year, could not be undertaken as the necessary equipment was not received in time.

Industries and Industrial Art.—As a first step in the improvement of this section the renewal of old and worn out specimens now on show has been taken on hand. Samples of cotton and wollen fabrics and a woollen pile carpet depicting a natural scene, both woven at the Government Weaving Institute and a collection of silk bodice cloths with lace border and of up-to-date designs were added to the collection.

The Sericultural exhibits as now arranged illustrate the history of the industry from the egg of the silk worm to the finished products of the Factory. The receipt of specimens of waste and spun silk from the Mysore Spun Silk Mills, Ltd., Channapatna, is awaited.

A complete set of wooden models of indigenous fruits and vegetables made at the Government Industrial School, Channapatna were acquired.

Some objects of inlaid work of new designs and carvings in ivory, all of local handiwork were added by purchase. Amin-ul-mulk Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., the Dewan of Mysore, was graciously pleased to present the Museum with a beautifully carved sandalwood casket with an attachment of the first electric lamp manufactured in the State.

Educational Work—An important feature of the activities of the Museum during the year was the establishment of contact with the local educational institutions. With the co-operation of the School Board Officer, City Municipal area, Bangalore, a course of lectures in Kannada on the history, fauna, flora and industries of Mysore, with reference to exhibits in the Museum, were delivered to students of the IV-year Primary classes on Sunday mornings. Another course of general guide lectures was arranged for the benefit of students from one of the High Schools in Bangalore City, who were taken round in batches. These courses of instruction have become popular and both the students and teachers have appreciated

them. A total number of 3,059 pupils belonging to sixty-nine schools of Bangalore and suburbs were thus shown round the Museum during the year. Details of work done in this direction are given in Appendix B.

Restoration and Preservation.—In the armoury section, a field gun, whose wheels had been badly affected by weathering, was got repaired. Four mammal heads (of a jungle sheep, a jungle goat, a wild boar and a sow) were renovated. The usual cleaning of exhibits in the show-cases was attended to.

Library.—The additions to the Library consisted mainly of Departmental publications, reports and bulletins of other Museums, received either through exchange or presentation. Three other books useful for reference were purchased *vide* Appendix C.

Building.—The building remained in good condition throughout the year. The Department of Public Works got the windows fitted with expanded metal sheets and attended to other minor repairs. It is very necessary to improve the lighting of the central hall. A separate work and store-room for the Museum has been a long felt want. Plans for the extensions to the Museum building were received from the Government Architect and returned countersigned. The necessity for increased accommodation is keenly felt.

Visitors.—During the year under report, 302,487 persons visited the Museum as against 299,654 of the previous year. The number of school children visiting the institution rose from 2,493 to 3,059. As usual there were large crowds during 'Karaga' and on some of the local festival days. Details are furnished in Appendix D.

The register of visitors from educational institutions has been serving a useful purpose in-as-much as it reveals an interesting record of the names of the institutions and the number of students both local and from outside making use of the Museum. On the whole the popularity of the Museum especially with the students has been increasing. But the problem still remains as to how the illiterate visitors that throng in considerable numbers should be made to appreciate the educational value of the exhibits. The Indian Museums Conference held in December 1937 at New Delhi, after due consideration of this question was of the opinion that "since the majority of persons visiting the Museum are illiterate, and can, therefore, best be reached through exhibits explained by the spoken word it is essential that special guide lecturers should be provided". The question of arranging for such guide lectures is under examination and proposals will be submitted to Government in due course.

Stock Books.—The General Register, Register of Exhibits and Furniture and other books of the institution have been written up-to-date.

Staff.—The work of the staff was satisfactory.

Maintenance.—The Government grant for the up-keep of the institution was Rs. 5,514 and the expenditure amounted to Rs. 5,385-7-9. (Details are furnished in Appendix E.)

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. S. RAMCHENDRA RAO,

Director.

APPENDIX A.

List of specimens added during the year 1937-38.

No.	Description	Donor
<i>Zoology.</i> —		
1	Trap-door Spider ... ..	...
2-3	Tusks of Wild Boar (Ceylon) ... ..	...
4-6	Shells ... ..	...
<i>Archæology.</i> —		
7	A photographic copy of the Asokan Inscription at Bramhagiri. ... ..	...
8	A chart of the Evolution of the Kannada Alphabet ... ..	...
9	A map of 'Karnataka' ... ..	...
10	Evolution Tree of Indian Languages ... ..	...
11-12	Thirty-two photographic views of Mysore Architecture and Sculpture. ... ..	...
<i>Agriculture.</i> —		
43	Samples of Mysore Areca nut ... ..	...
44	Do Coffee ... ..	...
45	Do Cardamom ... ..	...
46	Do Pepper ... ..	...
47	A Cabinet containing samples of Mysore Wool ... ..	...
<i>Geology.</i> —		
48	Products Flow Chart of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati. ... ..	...
49-51	Three Geological Maps of Mysore ... ..	...
52	Geological Map of Southern India ... ..	...
53	A diagram of a Geologic Clock ... ..	...
54-59	Six enlarged photographic views of the different sections of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati. ... ..	...
60-63	Green quartzite paper weights ... ..	...
64	Felsite paper weight ... ..	...
65-67	Prop: Dolorites paper weights ... ..	...
68-72	Porphyries paper weights ... ..	...
73-94	Polished cubes of granites and porphyries ... ..	...
<i>Health.</i> —		
95-113	Posters on Health Subjects ... ..	...
114-115	Wooden Models of Sanitary Houses ... ..	...
<i>Industries and Industrial Art.</i> —		
116-129	Samples of Cotton and Woollen fabrics ... ..	...
130	A woollen pile carpet depicting a natural scene ... ..	...
131-149	Samples of Lace and Silk Bodice cloths ... ..	...
150	A miniature Bamboo 'Chandrike' with cocoons ... ..	...
151	Denier Silk ... ..	...
152	Twisted and un-twisted silk in various colours ... ..	...
153	Raw Silk ... ..	...
154	Bengal Silk ... ..	...
155	Eri Cocoons (Red and White) ... ..	...
156	Tussur Cocoon ... ..	...
157	Tussur Silk Thread ... ..	...
158	Samples of Silk Fabrics ... ..	...
159-220	Wooden models of indigenous fruits and vegetables ... ..	...
221	Rosewood and Ivory inlaid wall panel with Omar Khayyam design. ... ..	...
222	Rosewood and Ivory inlaid Geetha panel with Mahabharatha scene. ... ..	...
223	Rosewood and Ivory inlaid wall panel of a Procession design. ... ..	...
224	Tea tray (Rosewood inlaid with ivory) ... ..	...
225	An ivory figure of Lakshmi ... ..	...
226-231	Ivory articles of common use ... ..	...
232	Sandalwood casket ... ..	...
		Presented by Amin-ul-Mulk Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., Dewan of Mysore.

APPENDIX B.

Lectures delivered to the various Educational Institutions during the year 1937-38.

Date	Name of school	Class	No. of boys	Subject	No. of teachers attended
24-10-37	Old and New Ulsoorpet Primary Boys' School.	IV Year	80		2
24-10-37	Seshadripuram Primary Boys' School	III Year	33	History of Mysore	1
31-10-37	Kilary Road Primary Boys' School	Do	35		1
7-11-37	New Ulsoorpet Primary Boys' School	Do	30		2
21-11-37	Kilary Road Primary Boys' School	Do	38		1
12-12-37	Old Ulsoorpet Primary Boys' School	Do	120	Fauna of Mysore.	1
19-12-37	Seshadripuram Primary Boys' School	IV Year	36		1
9-1-38	New Ulsoorpet Primary Boys' School	Do	30		1
16-1-38	Kilary Road Primary Boys' School	III & do	40	Flora of Mysore.	1
28-1-38	Old Ulsoorpet Primary Boys' School	IV Year	25		1
30-1-38	Seshadripuram Primary Boys' School	Do	45		1
6-2-38	New Ulsoorpet Primary Boys' School	Do	15		1
13-2-38	Kilary Road Primary Boys' School	III & IV Year	45	Industries in Mysore.	1
20-2-38	Old Ulsoorpet Primary Boys' School	IV Year	20		
15-1-38	Government Central High School	IV Form.	45	General	1
29-1-38	Do	Do	48		1
18-2-38	Do	Do	40		1

APPENDIX C.

List of Books added to the Library during the year 1937-38.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Donor
1	Report of the Watson Museum of Antiquities Rajkot, for the year 1936-37	Curator.
2	Administration Report of the State Museum, Travancore, for M. E. 1111	Officer in charge.
3	A concise guide for visitors to the Travancore State Museum, 1936	Do
4	A resume of activities from 1936-27 to 1934-35 and Annual Report of the Dacca Museum for 1935-36.	Curator.
5	Annual Report of the Dacca Museum for 1936-37	Do
6	Annual Report of the Government Museum and Connemara Library, Madras. for 1936-37.	Superintendent.
7	Annual Report of the Victoria and Albert Museum, Bombay, for 1936-37	Curator.
8	Report of the Prince of Wales Museum of Western India, Bombay, for 1936-37	Chairman.
9	Education through Museum	Mr. J. C. Basak.
10	The Case for Museum Education	
11	A new pocket mouse from Eastern California	
12	An Insular Form of White-footed mouse from Anticosti Island	Cleveland Museum of Natural History.
13	The Dorsal Spine of Cladoselache and the Neurocranium and Jaws of Cladoselache.	
14	Administration Report of the Pudukkottai State Museum, for Fasl. 1346	Curator.
15	Thirtieth Annual Report of the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff for 1936-37	Director
16	Annual Report of the Mysore State Life Insurance Committee, for 1936-37	Govt. of Mysore.
17-18	Annual Reports of the Mysore Archaeological Department, for 1935 and 1936	The Director of Archaeological Researches
19-20	Mysore Motor Traffic Guide and Travel in Mysore	The Publicity Officer, Mysore
21	India House, London, opened by H. M. King George V Emperor of India, 8th July 1930.	Govt., of Mysore.
22-23	Proceedings of Mysore Representative Assembly, Dasara Session, 1936 and 1937	Do
24-26	Proceedings of the Mysore Legislative Council, January Session, 1937, June and July Session, 1937 and January Session, 1938.	Govt. of Mysore.
BY PURCHASE.		
27	The Conservation of Prints, Drawings and Manuscripts by H. J. Plenderleith	
28	The Museums of India by S. F. Markham and H. Hargreaves	
29	Pocket Oxford Dictionary	
30	Museum Journal Vol. 37 Nos. 4-12; Vol. 38 Nos. 1-3	
31	Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society Vol. 39, Nos. 3 and 4, Vol. 40, No. 1	

APPENDIX D.

Classified list of visitors during the year 1937-38.

No.	Months	Names written in												Literate		Illiterates		Total
		Other Languages																
		English																
Europeans and Eurasians	Indians	Kannada	Tamil	Telugu	Hindustani	Mahratti	Gujarati	Nagari	Malayalam	Males	Females	Males	Females	School children				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
1	July 1937...	88	1,033	145	33	3	29	...	...	12	...	1,324	19	10,866	8,492	336	21,037
2	August "...	110	886	133	34	3	12	2	...	7	...	1,164	23	9,786	8,582	104	19,659	
3	September "...	185	765	92	36	...	9	...	...	6	...	1,052	41	9,145	8,511	462	19,254
4	October "...	134	1,276	152	74	...	17	1	...	17	...	1,642	29	25,512	15,944	279	43,436	
5	November "...	80	716	61	27	...	22	...	...	6	...	890	22	8,951	7,391	261	17,431
6	December "...	160	1,030	101	19	11	13	...	2	2	...	1,309	35	8,980	7,416	346	18,086	
7	January 1938.	123	998	66	18	38	13	...	...	22	...	1,265	43	9,221	7,820	528	18,877
8	February "...	83	689	79	47	...	27	...	...	8	...	917	16	8,976	7,994	403	18,304
9	March "...	74	447	34	27	8	32	...	6	2	...	616	14	9,187	8,332	179	18,328	
10	April "...	91	946	44	31	38	25	2	5	5	...	1,177	20	43,394	31,322	66	75,979	
11	May "...	181	1,257	73	45	13	39	...	9	6	...	1,486	40	8,409	7,488	70	17,493	
12	June "...	134	1,063	88	21	26	22	...	4	3	...	1,342	19	6,782	6,435	25	14,603	
Total		1,446	11,106	1,068	412	140	296	5	26	96	...	14,184	321	1,59,282	1,25,641	3,059	3,02,487	

APPENDIX E.

Statement showing the budget grant and expenditure during the year 1937-38.

No	Head	Budget grant			Expenditure		
		Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
1	Establishment ...	3,264	0	0	3,264	0	0
2	Purchase of Specimens and other Special Charges ...	2,000	0	0	1,842	4	8
3	Travelling Allowance ...	50	0	0	32	10	0
*4	Contingencies ...	200	0	0	246	9	1
	Total ...	5,514	* 0	0	5,385	7	9

* The excess was met by re-appropriation from No. 2.

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Author— Mysore Govt.

Title— Annual Report of
Mysore Govt. Museum
1935-34 to 1937-38

Borrower No.	Date of Issue	Date of Return

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